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Approved  
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate  
April 8, 2011; 9 a.m.  
St. Mary's Hall Room 113A

**Present:** Corinne Daprano, George Doyle, Heidi Gauder, Judith Huacuja, Antonio Mari, Leno Pedrotti, Carolyn Roecker Phelps, Joseph Saliba, Rebecca Wells

**Absent:** Paul Benson, Andrea Seielstad, Katherine Trempe

**Guests:** James Farrelly, Arthur Jipson

**Opening Meditation:** Heidi Gauder opened the meeting with a meditation

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 25 and April 1, 2011 ECAS meetings were approved.

**Announcements**

The next meeting of the Academic Senate is scheduled for April 15, 2011, in the KU Ballroom at 3:00pm. After the final Senate meeting is adjourned newly elected Senators will be seated.

**New Business:**

Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Draft Report. Associate Provost Pat Donnelly presented a report to ECAS on the HLC Draft report. He opened with a history and timetable of the report and indicated that the report is an inventory of what is being done to address the issue of diversity at UD. The report will go to President Curran in early May, then be submitted to the Board of Trustees at their May meeting, and then to the HLC by June 30, 2011. The report covers the following areas:

1. Student/faculty/staff demographics – post 2007
2. Campus initiatives regarding diversity such as Human Resource policy revisions and additions as well as data from the most recent campus climate survey
3. Curricular initiatives regarding diversity such as CAP initiatives and unit curriculum innovations

P. Donnelly further noted that the progress report will acknowledge that we are not yet achieving our goals for diversity but that we are making progress. The next HLC visit will be in 2017. Most likely the HLC will acknowledge receipt of this report and perhaps comment on the progress being made in several areas. He stressed that our diversity initiatives are being measured using both qualitative and quantitative metrics and noted that Student Development is also currently working on creating a strategic plan to address diversity issue.

ECAS agreed that P. Donnelly should make a report to the faculty about the HLC progress report at the May 10 faculty meeting.

Revisions to Graduate Faculty Status. R. Wells reviewed the modifications made to the proposal. There was some discussion of the phrase "...who also hold a Ph.D., or equivalent research based terminal degree" in 2.0 Proposal 1.). R. Wells indicated she would discuss a possible clarification/revision to the text and then have the FAC vote electronically on the revision.

J. Farrelly raised a question about “granting automatic graduate faculty status” to Emeritus/Emerita faculty (2.0 Proposal 2.). These faculty members are not considered active faculty and are not employees of the university.

J. Huacuja indicated that the Graduate Faculty Status proposal would be on the April 15 agenda of the Academic Senate as well as the Academic Dishonesty Report form after revisions were made to the form by A. Seielstad.

China Initiative. Provost Saliba discussed the University’s efforts to develop a China Institute that would offer research and development opportunities for UD students and faculty. This initiative would be a joint venture with several American companies that are located in the Suzhou Industrial Park. The Institute would provide some continuing education, MBA, and other certification programs to the employees of the Chinese companies located in this Industrial Park. In addition, there would be co-op positions and other opportunities for current UD students and Chinese students to work together on projects. J. Huacuja raised the issue of human rights in China and how the Marianist’s might respond to these efforts. Provost Saliba assured ECAS that the Marianist’s were supportive of these efforts.

GLC Graduate Student Senator selection process. J. Huacuja reviewed the selection process outlined by the GLC. A recommendation was made by ECAS that an email be sent to graduate students, from the unit from which the selection would be made, to encourage students to self nominate for the position. J. Huacuja indicated she will communicate this suggestion to B. Duncan.

Senate Agenda and April 15 Elections. J. Huacuja reviewed the process for electing ECAS and Senate officers for the 2011-12 AY.

- ECAS & Senate Officers election - after the 2010-2011 final Senate meeting is adjourned, outgoing senators will step away and the new senators will be seated.
- ECAS members will be elected: Dean to ECAS, School of Business rep to ECAS, Humanities rep to ECAS, the student rep and the graduate student rep will be selected at the beginning of the new academic year (August 2011). After ECAS members have been elected, the Officers of the Senate will be elected: President, Vice President, and Secretary.
- Once the elections for ECAS and Officers are complete, each standing committee meets in different parts of the ballroom to elect a Chair and to select their ECAS liaison for the APC, the FAC and the SAPC.

The outgoing Secretary assists the incoming Secretary with taking the Minutes of this first 2011-2012 Senate meeting.

In addition, the Senate agenda will include a report of Senate Doc I 07-05 (Processes & Procedures of the Senate). ECAS will review and vote on the updated document at the April 15 ECAS meeting.

Committee Assignments:

APC. J. Dunne, J. Hess, V. Jain, T. Saliba, L. Lemming, L. Pedrotti, M. Shank, J. White, P. Benson, C. Phelps  
FAC. P. Vanderburgh, K. Kelly, Johnson, P. Banarjee, R. Wells, S. Hughes, K. Trick, C. Daprano, A. Jipson, E. Hicks, C. Merithew, L. Hartley, A. Seielstad  
SAPC. H. Parsons, T. Lau, J. McCombe, C. Krane, G. Doyle, P. McGreel, K. Webb, P.I Analogue

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Corinne Daprano